

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-14, 16, 18-24, and 26-30 remain in this application. Claims 3-4, 6-7, 11 and 14 have been amended. The Examiner indicated that claims 1, 13, 19-24 and 26-30 are allowed. Claims 2, 12, 15, and 17 have been canceled by a previous amendment.

#### **Drawings Objections**

Figure 2 has been amended to include the labels A-H, as described requested by the Examiner.

#### **Claim Objections**

Claims 3-11 stand objected to because they depend (either directly or indirectly) from the canceled claim 2. Accordingly, claims 3, 4, 6, 7, and 11 have been amended to depend from claim 1 as their base claim. As stated above, claim 1 is allowable.

Claim 5 depends from the amended claim 4. Claims 8 and 9 depend from the amended claim 7. Claim 10 depends from the amended claim 3. Accordingly claim 3-11 should now also be allowable.

#### **Claim Rejections**

**Claims 14, 16 and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.**

The Examiner stated that he could not find support for the invention of claim 14 where tension is less than 11 and then increased to a tension above 100gm.

Claim 14 has been amended to state that the fiber was drawn at a predetermined tension (see original claim 14) and that when the temperature was lowered such that the fiber is driven to between about 1980°C and 1990°C while the draw tension is between 100 gm and 250 gm. This is disclosed, for example in paragraphs 0019 and 0021, of the

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Applicant's specification. Claims 16 and 18 depend from claim 14, as their base claims, and therefore are also supported by the Applicant's specification

**Conclusion**

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, applicant believes the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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# Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

Fig. 2

